

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of South Carolina

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

vs.

Case Number: 4:13CR793TLW(1)

WILLIAM J. RIVERS, III

USM Number: 25852-171

Michael A. Meetze, AFD
 Defendant's Attorney
THE DEFENDANT:

- ☒ pleaded guilty to count(s) Count (3) of the indictment on February 6, 2014.
- ☐ pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____ which was accepted by the court.
- ☐ was found guilty on count(s) __ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<u>Title & Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Offense Ended</u>	<u>Count</u>
18:1341	Please see indictment	9/1/2011	3

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- ☐ The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____.
- ☒ Count(s) One (1) and two (2) ☐ is ☒ are dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- ☐ Forfeiture provision is hereby dismissed on motion of the United States Attorney.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of any material changes in economic circumstances.

 May 7, 2014
 Date of Imposition of Judgment

 s/Terry L. Wooten
 Signature of Judge

 Hon. Terry L. Wooten, Chief U.S. District Judge
 Name and Title of Judge

 May 19, 2014
 Date

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IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of sixty (60) months.

☐ The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

☐ The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

☐ at _____ ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m. on _____.

☐ as notified by the United States Marshal.

☒ The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

☐ before 2 p.m. on _____.

☒ as notified by the United States Marshal, and/or

☒ as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this Judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, **the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years.** While on supervised release, the defendant shall comply with the mandatory and standard conditions of supervision outlined in Title 18 U.S.C. § 3583(d). The defendant shall also comply with the following special conditions: 1. The defendant shall pay any unpaid restitution to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, at a rate of \$500.00 per month beginning 30 days after his release from confinement. Interest is waived on this amount. 2. The defendant shall provide financial statements upon request of the U.S. Probation Office. 3. The defendant shall satisfactorily participate in a substance abuse treatment program, to include drug testing, as approved by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment not to exceed an amount determined reasonable by the Court approved "U.S. Probation Office's Sliding Scale for Services," and shall cooperate in securing any applicable third-party payment, such as insurance or Medicaid.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- ☐ The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☒ The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (42 U.S.C. § 16901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he or she resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense. *(Check, if applicable.)*
- ☐ The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(Check, if applicable.)*

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer.
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view by the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant shall pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 5.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	<u>\$ 100.00</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 2,702,060.00</u>

☐ The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An *Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case(AO245C)* will be entered after such determination.

☒ The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
TOTALS	\$ _____	\$ _____	

☐ Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

☐ The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 5 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §3612(g).

☒ The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

☒ The interest requirement is waived for the ☐ fine ☒ restitution.

☐ The interest requirement for the ☐ fine ☐ restitution is modified as follows:

**Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A ☒ Lump sum payment of \$ 100.00 special assessment and \$2,702,060.00 restitution due immediately, balance due
☐ not later than _____, or
☐ in accordance with ☐ C, ☒ D, or ☐ E, or ☐ F below: or
- B ☐ Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with ☐ C, ☐ D, or ☐ F below); or
- C ☐ Payment in equal _____ (weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D ☒ Payment in equal monthly installments of \$ 500.00, to commence 30 days after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E ☐ Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F ☐ Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

☐ Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

- ☐ The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- ☐ The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- ☒ The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

As directed in the Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, filed May 7, 2014 and the said order is incorporated herein as part of this judgment.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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RESTITUTION PAYEES

No.	Name of Payee	*Total Amount of Loss	Amount of Restitution Ordered	Priority Order or Percentage of Payment
1	Crystal Penney	\$86,951.00	\$86,951.00	
2	Randolph Gillespie	\$67,728.00	\$67,728.00	
3	Michael Bloom	\$84,787.00	\$84,787.00	
4	Steven Roller	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	
5	Marion Hicks	\$69,200.00	\$69,200.00	
6	Jonathan Williams	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	
7	Gilbert Jarrell	\$1,495,000.00	\$1,495,000.00	
8	Shirley Chestnut	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
9	Kayla Merkel	\$53,610.00	\$53,610.00	
10	Palmetto Wellness, Attn: Teresa Edwards	\$7,939.00	\$7,939.00	
11	Jonathan and Stacie Teal	\$189,000.00	\$189,000.00	
12	Reece Burch, Jr.	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	

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13	Tyler Jordan	\$53,453.00	\$53,453.00	
14	Carmen Gregg	\$146,500.00	\$146,500.00	
15	Jose Cardenas	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	
16	Bobby Jean Young	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	
17	Charlton Thomas Vanderhall	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
18	Lynda Benjamin	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
19	Whitney Pauley	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	
20	Danna Parker	\$11,992.00	\$11,992.00	
21	Katina Pipkins	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	
22	William Dunson	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	
23	Albertha Harris	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
24	Lois Lane	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
25	Greg Gaskins	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
26	Wade Dudley	\$50,600.00	\$50,600.00	
	Total	\$2,702,060.00	\$2,702,060.00	

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No	Name of Payee	Complete address of Payee	*Total Amount of Loss	Amount of Restitution Ordered	Priority Order or Percentage of Payment
1	Crystal Penney	318 Spring Street Darlington, SC 29532	\$86,951.00	\$86,951.00	
2	Randolph Gillespie	922 Kershaw Street Cheraw, SC 29520	\$67,728.00	\$67,728.00	
3	Michael Bloom	253 Harry Hollis Circle Bennettsville, SC 29512	\$84,787.00	\$84,787.00	
4	Steven Roller	1606 Holly Street Bennettsville, SC 29512	\$55,000.00	\$55,000.00	
5	Marion Hicks	3155 Highway 9 West Wallace, SC 29596	\$69,200.00	\$69,200.00	
6	Jonathan Williams	315 West Pine Street Florence, SC 29501	\$99,500.00	\$99,500.00	
7	Gilbert Jarrell	3112 Meadowbrook Drive Florence, SC 29501	\$1,495,000.00	\$1,495,000.00	
8	Shirley Chestnut	22901 Old Lumberton Road Maxton, NC 28364	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
9	Kayla Merkel	11749 Corona Crest Avenue El Paso, TX 79936	\$53,610.00	\$53,610.00	

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10	Palmetto Wellness, Attn: Teresa Edwards	436 West Palmetto Street Florence, SC 29501	\$7,939.00	\$7,939.00	
11	Jonathan and Stacie Teal	3918 Teals Mill Road Chesterfield, SC 29709	\$189,000.00	\$189,000.00	
12	Reece Burch, Jr.	P.O. Box 894 Cheraw, SC 29520	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
13	Tyler Jordan	708 Fore Road Florence, SC 29506	\$53,453.00	\$53,453.00	
14	Carmen Gregg	1251 Brittany Drive Apt. B Florence, SC 29501	\$146,500.00	\$146,500.00	
15	Jose Cardenas	1919 Braswell Court Dillon, SC 29536	\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00	
16	Bobby Jean Young	105 Williamson Drive Society Hill, SC 29593	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	
17	Charlton Thomas Vanderhall	1206 W. Main Street Apt 6-G Dillon, SC 29536	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
18	Lynda Benjamin	618 Highway 385 South Bennettsville, SC 29512	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
19	Whitney Pauley	305 Borough Street Darlington, SC 29532	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	
20	Danna Parker	2091 Lazy Pines Road Darlington, SC 29540	\$11,992.00	\$11,992.00	
21	Katina Pipkins	11217 Hallie Drive Florence, SC 29505	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	

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22	William Dunson	437 Dunson Loop Hamer, SC 29547	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00	
23	Albertha Harris	459 Dunson Loop Hamer, SC 29547	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
24	Lois (nee Reese) Lane	1332 Old Ebenezer Road Florence, SC 29501	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
25	Greg Gaskins	912 Ivanhoe Drive Florence, SC 29505	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
26	Wade Dudley	1367 Farrow Ridge Court Darlington, SC 29532	\$50,600.00	\$50,600.00	
	Total		\$2,702,060.00	\$2,702,060.00	

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	CRIMINAL NO.: 4:13-793 (TLW)
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WILLIAM J. RIVERS, III)	

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

This matter is before the court on the motion of the United States for a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as to Defendant William J. Rivers, III, ("Rivers", "Defendant"), based upon the following:

1. On August 27, 2013, a three count Indictment was filed charging Rivers with mail fraud; in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1341.

2. Pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(a), the Indictment contained a forfeiture allegation providing that upon River's conviction, certain properties enumerated therein, or equivalent substitute assets, would be subject to forfeiture to the United States. As specified therein, such assets include, but are not limited to the following:

A. Cash/ Money Judgment

A sum of money equal to proceeds the Defendant obtained, directly or indirectly, as the result of all the offenses charged in this Indictment or traceable to such property, that is, a minimum of \$3,329,500 in United States currency.

3. On February 6, 2014, Rivers to plead guilty to Count 3 of the Indictment and in his Plea Agreement, agreed to a forfeiture money judgment in the amount of \$1,248,135.

4. Based upon Defendant's conviction, the court has determined that the property described above is subject to forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(a)(1)(C), and 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c).

5. The court has determined that the government has established the requisite nexus between the money judgment and the offense for which Rivers has been convicted; therefore, the United States is entitled to a preliminary order of forfeiture, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853 governing third party rights.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED**,

1. The below-described property, and all right, title, and interest of the Defendant, William J. Rivers, III, in and to such property, is hereby forfeited to the United States of America, for disposition in accordance with law, subject to the rights of third parties in such property under 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

2. FORFEITURE IS ORDERED against Rivers and in favor of the United States in the amount of \$1,248,135 along with appropriate costs and interest thereon at the rate provided for in 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The United States may at any time move pursuant to Rule 32.2(e) to amend this Order to substitute property to satisfy the money judgment.

3. The United States may sell or otherwise dispose of any substitute assets in accordance with law as required to satisfy the above imposed money judgment.

4. Upon the entry of this Order, the United States Attorney is authorized to conduct proper discovery in identifying, locating, or disposing of the described property, or other substitute assets, in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(b)(3); and to commence proceedings that comply with statutes governing third party rights, if

applicable.

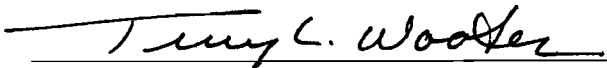
5. The government is not required to publish notice regarding the personal money judgment against Defendant; however, the Order shall be recorded in the records of the County Clerk's Office in the County of the debtor's residence, place of business, and any and all other counties in which the debtor has either real or personal property, as a lien thereon.

6. Upon entry of the criminal judgment, this Order becomes final as to Defendant, and shall be made a part of the sentence and included in the criminal judgment.

7. The court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order and to amend it as necessary, pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.2(e).

8. The Clerk, United States District Court, shall provide one (1) certified copy of this Order to the United States Attorney's Office.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.


TERRY L. WOOTEN
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Columbia, South Carolina

May 7, 2014